

Senate Bill No. 1747

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2006, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 15004 of the Elections Code, relating to vote counts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1747, Bowen. Elections: counting votes.

Existing law provides that the county central committee of each qualified political party may employ and may have present at the central counting place or places, not more than 2 qualified data processing specialists or engineers to check and review, among other things, the preparation and operation of the tabulating devices, and be in attendance at any or all phases of an election.

This bill would instead authorize each qualified political party and any bona fide association of citizens or a media organization to employ not more than 2 representatives to be present at the central counting place or places. The bill would also authorize the county elections official to limit the total number of representatives to no more than 10, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15004 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

15004. (a) Each qualified political party may employ, and may have present at the central counting place or places, not more than two representatives to check and review the preparation and operation of the tabulating devices, their programming and testing, and have the representatives in attendance at any or all phases of the election.

(b) Any bona fide association of citizens or a media organization may employ, and may have present at the central counting place or places, not more than two representatives to check and review the preparation and operation of the tabulating devices, their programming and testing, and have the representatives in attendance at any or all phases of the election.

(c) The county elections official may limit the total number of representatives employed pursuant to subdivision (b) in attendance to no more than 10 by a manner in which each interested bona fide association of citizens or media organization has an equal opportunity to participate. Any representatives employed and in attendance pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not be subject to the limit specified in this subdivision.

Approved _____, 2006

Governor